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SUBJ: HARUN RE-ARRESTED

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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES THAT PROMINENT UMNO PARTY FIGURE DATUK HARUN BIN IDRIS, HEAD OF UMNO YOUTH MOVEMENT AND CHIEF MINISTER OF STATE OF SELANGOR, TODAY (MAR 12) WAS REARRESTED ON ADDITIONAL CHARGES OF CORRUPTION. ACCORDING TO ONE INITIAL REPORT, ONE OF HIS LAWYERS ALSO WAS ARRESTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN ALLEGED MULT AMILLION RINGGIT EMBEZZLEMENT.

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2. GENERALLY RELIABLE JOURNALIST SOURCE TOLD US HIS UNDER-

STANDING WAS THAT HARUN HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH "CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST" FOR EMBEZZLEMENT OF EIGHT MILLION RINGGIT WORTH OF SHARES FROM "PEOPLE'S COOPERATIVE BANK" OF WHICH HE CHAIRMAN OR A DIRECTOR. ALSO CHARGED WAS A MR. ISMAIL BIN DIN, BANK MANAGER. BOTH, ACCORDING TO THIS ACCOUNT, PLEADED NOT GUILTY BEFORE SESSIONS COURT AND WERE RELEASED ON 40 THOUSAND RINGGIT BAIL EACH. CASE WILL NEXT BE MENTIONED IN COURT ON MAR 25. HARUN AND ISMAIL BIN DIN ALLEGEDLY LAST MAY FORGED MINUTES OF A BANK MEETING TO SHOW AUTHORIZATION FOR THEM TO TRANSFER BANK SHARES TO JALAN AMPANG BRANCH OF FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK AS COLLATERAL FOR LETTERS OF CREDIT "NOT TO EXCEED DOLLARS 6.5 MILLION (MALAYSIAN) TO "TINJU DUNIA BERHAD" (WORLD BOXING, LTD."), LOCAL SPONSORS OF ALI-BUGNER BOXING MATCH HERE LAST SUMMER. (COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD THIS MATCH LOST MONEY FOR SPONSORS.)

3. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL LOCAL DIPLOMATS SPECULATE THIS MAY REPRESENT ATTEMPT CURTAIN ACTIVITIES OF AMBITIOUS AND LOCALLY POPULAR HARUN IN CONTEXT OF UMNO YOUTH MEETING PLANNED FOR WEEKEND, OUR JOURNALIST SOURCE CLAIMS THIS ADDITIONAL MOVE AGAINST HARUN HAS BEEN RUMORED AROUND TOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND SIMPLY REFLECTS ADDITIONAL CHARGE AGAINST HIM.

4. SERVANT GRAPEVINE WAS QUICKLY ALERTED TO ARREST, WITH NON-MALAYS CONCERNED SOME COMMUNAL CLASHES MIGHT RESULT IF HARUN'S HOT-BLOODED MALAY SUPPORTERS CHOOSE TO TAKE TO STREETS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR ANGER AGAINST THEIR HERO'S ARREST. POLICE AND ARMY HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ALERT TO GUARD AGAINST SUCH EVENTUALITIES.
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